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1. The airfield on the southwestern border of Bobruisk (53-09N, 29-13E), White Russian SSR, had runways and three large hangars. Four 4-story barracks blocks were on the airfield approach road which branched off from the main road. The field was bordered by woods on the south.
2. The field was occupied by the following aircraft in May 1949:
 - a. About 80 twin-engine bombers (high-wing monoplanes), double rudder assembly, glazed nose; this type has been known since World War II.
 - b. Three or four Douglas transports.
 - c. five biplanes.
3. Flying was done irregularly, apparently not depending on the weather. Observed were:
 - a. Day flying of bomber formations of 3, 9, 27 or 80 planes, the individual planes taking off at short intervals one after the other and forming formations over the town.
 - b. Individual parachuting from biplanes.
 - c. Parachuting in groups of 15 men each from one or two transports was observed after the summer of 1948. Jumping was done from a door on the left side of the fuselage. It was noticeable that all the parachutes opened the same distance from the aircraft. Individual parachutists wore two parachutes.
 - d. There has been intensive night flying and flying in bad weather since the summer of 1949.

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